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SUBJECT: NOMADS HONG KONG LANDING PERMISSION

REF: (A) HONG KONG 6190 (B) STATE 118148 (C) LONDON 7477  
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1. THE USG IS SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED THAT HKCAD WILL NOT GRANT A ONE TIME EXCEPTION IN NOMADS CASE.
2. FYI: THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT SINCE IT IS TOO LATE FOR THEM TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, NOMADS IS TAKING STEPS TO ACQUIRE THE ADDITIONAL INSURANCE. THIS ACQUISITION WILL, ACCORDING TO NOMADS, COST THEM 7,500 DOLLARS TO IN EFFECT ALLOW THEIR PILOT, WHO HAS FLOWN INTO HONG KONG BEFORE, TO MAKE THE ONE LANDING AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

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3. THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES HKCAD'S CONCERN THAT AIR-CRAFT OPERATORS MUST POSSESS ADEQUATE LIABILITY INSURANCE. WE REMAIN UNCONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMOUNTS ARE REASONABLE.

ALSO, IN SPITE OF THE ADVICE FROM THE UKDOT, THE USG

CONTINUES TO REGARD AIR TRAVEL CLUBS AS PRIVATE, NON-

REVENUE FLIGHTS. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT WHILE THESE QUESTIONS ARE REVIEWED, HKCAD HAS FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GRANT A ONE TIME EXEMPTION IN NOMADS' CASE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, CONGEN SHOULD REGISTER USG'S SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS CONGEN CONSIDER WHETHER A FINAL APPEAL TO THIS HIGHER LEVEL OF THE HK GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. IF THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SUCH A REPRESENTATION WOULD SUCCEED, ONE MADE ALONG THE LINES

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